



The Department of Homeland Security's **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)** has released a new reference guide outlining access requirements and standards for people with disabilities during periods of disaster.

The Reference Guide for Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities in the Provision of Disaster Mass Care, Housing and Human Services is the first of a series of disability-related guidelines to be produced by FEMA for disaster preparedness and response planners and service providers at all levels.

The Reference Guide provides brief summaries of applicable federal laws and equal access requirements affecting government and non-governmental entities, private sector and religious organizations.

A full copy of the Guide may be accessed at:

www.fema.gov/oer/reference

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